

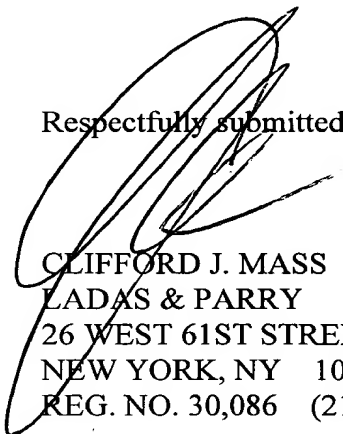
REMARKS

The Official Action of December 1, 1998 has been carefully considered and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to include, as a separate part of the disclosure, a "Sequence Listing" as required by 37 CFR 1.821(c). Moreover, the specification has been amended to assign each sequence a separate identifier. Applicants submit herewith a computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that the Applicants have now complied with all requirements set forth in the Official Action of December 1, 1998. An early examination of the application on its merits is now respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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